

WHEN the Big Free Fair opens in Topeka, the weather always is "fair and rainy."

HOME EDITION

RAIN APPEARS TO COOL THE ATMOSPHERE AND ENCOURAGE FARMERS FOR BIG "FREE FAIR" OPENING IN TOPEKA TODAY

Second Downfall Since June 26 Didn't Injure Exposition.

Despite Dampness, Good Crowd Turns Out This Morning.

EXHIBITS ALREADY CROWDED

Everything Here to Insure Fairest Fair of Them All.

Sunflower Trail Is Best Ever Brought to Grounds.

TOMORROW IS DERBY DAY

Topeka Will Close Down and Swarm Big Grounds.

First Horse Show Begins 7:45 O'clock Tuesday Evening.

SANTA FE EXHIBIT IS BEST

Most Elaborate Display Seen in Agricultural Hall.

Local Automobile Dealers Make a Splendid Showing.

PROGRAM FOR MONDAY.
Gates opened at 8 o'clock.
Official opening Free State Fair at 1:30 o'clock. Band concert and other amusements.

Opening of Sunflower Trail, Topeka's midway this evening. The Sunflower Trail comprises Johnny J. Jones' shows, 30 in number.

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY, TOPEKA
Stark judging begins at 9 o'clock.
Horse racing begins at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. List of races:

2:30 trot\$200
3:00 trot500
3:30 pace500
Run, 4 1/2 furlongs for all ages100
Run, 5 furlongs for 3-year-olds and upwards100
Run, Kansas Derby, 3-year-olds and upwards100

Horse show begins at 7:45 o'clock in the evening. Children's day and all children under 16 years of age will be admitted free to the grand stand all during the day. Sunflower trail classes on children's days, including four-in-hand and coaches and roadster and saddle classes. Eighty entries of Shetland ponies. All tickets to the grand stand will be at the popular price, 25 cents.

With the rain clouds disappearing and the sun flitting behind the flying clouds, the directors of the Big Free Fair drew a sigh of relief this afternoon. They promise to make good their effort to give Kansas the best fair in history. In fact, the rain of the morning is just what O. M. Keats, superintendent of the fair, wanted.

"A good rain makes the speedway for Tuesday the fastest in twenty years," said Mr. Keats. The big races will begin promptly at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The Johnny J. Jones shows opened late this afternoon. Practically every show is ready for business. This evening all shows will be open.

A motley crowd of showmen, church women with eating booths, concession men, exhibitors, farmers and Topeka boys braved the rain, and the clouds of the early morning. All seemed to be hubbub and confusion but as the hours rolled on, order appeared out of chaos and the Big Free Fair presented its normal appearance.

Down on Kansas avenue, visitors, too, realized that something was doing at the fair grounds. A man with a voice like a trumpet, dressed as a policeman, drove up and down in a cart drawn by a pair of goats announcing the wonders of the fair, wanted cars dragging trailers made scheduled trips. Seventeen extra conductors arrived this morning to aid the street railway company during the opening week.

Brave Crowd There.
Out at the fair grounds one saw farmers standing in front of the exhibits, not saying much but seeing everything and making mental notes which will stick in their minds until the next big free fair. Topeka girls walked through the wet grass, ruling perfectly good fair of white stockings—much in evidence.

Amusements This Evening.
Among the amusements on the Sunflower Trail this evening will be: trained wild animals, eight performing midgits in high class vaudeville, Witching Waves, World of Living Wonders, Diving, Monkey Speed-wheel, Alligator, Glad, Thea, Periscope, Revelation, Wild West show, Fireworks, Crystal Tangle, Hippodrome, Edna, Model City, Fica Theater, Carrousel.

Near the Sunflower Trail concession men were piling hundreds of dolls, boxes of candy and soft pillows in orderly and tempting arrays. By 11 o'clock the concession men with the candy boxes and the race track were getting the dimes of the hundreds of small boys in the grounds since 8 o'clock.

A Search for Room.
Over in the hog and sheep sheds, Supt. W. J. Cody was endeavoring to find room for more swine and sheep than he had space to accommodate. One extra tent was pitched for the accommodation of swine exhibitors.

Miss Louisa Long and One of Her Favorite Mounts.

and another to accommodate exhibitors of sheep. Both the sheep and swine exhibits surpass those of previous years. Exhibitors spent the morning in bare feet washing the monstrous swine, looking over the exhibits of their rivals and getting acquainted.

In the Fine Arts building, superintendents and assistant superintendents of the culinary, art and textile departments were preparing the largest number of exhibits in years. There is a total of 523 entries and 7,000 exhibits in that building. Hutchinson, Salina, Wichita and cities and towns from the four corners of the state are represented. Mrs. Susie Endley has the largest number of entries, seventy-nine. Mrs. George Boone, 1264 Clay street, is next with about sixty entries. The entries of both ladies are in the culinary department.

Big Agricultural Display.
P. E. Crabtree, superintendent of the agricultural display in Agricultural hall, estimated that there are 6,500 entries. The exhibits this year are larger in quantity, better in quality, better staged in more space than ever before in the history of the fair. The exhibit on the corn crop has been looked upon as killing the corn crop to a great extent. The exhibits of corn are excellent. What exhibits there are are exceptionally good. The new cereals, Sudan grass and fescue, are being exhibited extensively. The large electric light in hanging directly over the exhibit and it will be at its best in the evenings.

Fifteen hundred birds are on display in the poultry barn, according to Supt. Thomas Owen. The poultry show also surpasses those of previous years. Exhibitors have come to Topeka from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iowa, Arizona, Illinois, Missouri and Texas. The Buff Cochins exhibit is the largest. A. T. Moffitt of Topeka has the largest exhibit, 200 birds. Earl Smiley of Beaver Crossing, Neb., is next with an exhibit of 275 birds. Buck & Floyd of Oklahoma City, has 206 birds here.

Cattle Barns Overflowing.
Two barns are filled to overflowing with exhibits of beef breeding cattle, steers and dairy cattle. There are 374 beef breeding cattle, nineteen; W. L. Hazlett, El Dorado, nineteen; W. L. Jost, Kansas City, Mo., twelve; Jesse Engle and Sons, Sheridan, Mo., twelve; Claude Bros., Joplin, Mo., eleven; Carl Miller, Bellevue, Mo. There are fourteen local automobile dealers with exhibits in Motor hall. Added to the other notices was the chug of tractor engines being tried out, the tooting of automobile horns, the hum of machinery of all descriptions, the shouts of horsemen galloping up and down on beautiful horses, and the shouts of jitney men lined up for the road ready to receive passengers. Taxicab drivers and jitney men were obliged to pay licenses to get into the grounds.

Big Auto Display.
L. J. Smith of Pleasant Hill, has a display of six automobiles; R. H. Hazlett, El Dorado, nineteen; W. L. Jost, Kansas City, Mo., twelve; Jesse Engle and Sons, Sheridan, Mo., twelve; Claude Bros., Joplin, Mo., eleven; Carl Miller, Bellevue, Mo. There are fourteen local automobile dealers with exhibits in Motor hall. Added to the other notices was the chug of tractor engines being tried out, the tooting of automobile horns, the hum of machinery of all descriptions, the shouts of horsemen galloping up and down on beautiful horses, and the shouts of jitney men lined up for the road ready to receive passengers. Taxicab drivers and jitney men were obliged to pay licenses to get into the grounds.

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900 STUDENTS IN TOPEKA FOR BIG COLLEGE OPENING

And the First Washburn Move Is Football Practice.

Enrollment and Registration at Ichabod School Tuesday.

FROM 12 DIFFERENT STATES

Pennsylvania, Texas and North Dakota Are Represented.

College Hill Takes on Rah-Rah Atmosphere Again.

PROGRAM FOR FIRST WEEK.
Monday—Football practice starts. Tuesday and Wednesday—Enrollment and registration. Y. M.-Y. W. reception to registering students.
Wednesday evening 7:30—Annual Y. M.-Y. W. reception for all students.
Thursday morning—Classes start.
Friday evening 7:30—Faculty reception at "White House."

Nearly 900 students from a dozen states will start enrolling at Washburn College tomorrow morning. The increasing reputation of the college is shown in the presence of students from such outlying states as Pennsylvania, Texas, and North Dakota. Nearly 100 of the total are from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Iowa. Topeka is expected to send about one-half the total attendance. Showing the influence of the endowment campaign is the registration of many students from Kansas towns who have hitherto supported other Kansas colleges.

Better Engineering Course.

Owing to the enlargement of the engineering courses the school of engineering shows a big increase in enrollment to date and other students may be expected to enroll later in the week. The unique advantage of a four years' engineering course, an assured position at the completion and the advantage of the civil engineering course complete, a complete course in sanitary engineering will be offered.

Another engineering departure which is to be started a little later will be work in "technical trades," the courses which will be offered in the evening. This furnishes shop men who have been taking correspondence work in various trades an opportunity to finish their studies in an actual school.

Technical Work.
"We expect this to be one of the big features of the future Washburn," Professor Thomas Owen, engineering department, announced today. "There is not a technical trades school in the state. This is the entire solution of the need of the state. The increasing demand for one. Railroads and several large manufacturing concerns in Kansas are enthusiastically for the establishment of such a department here."

For the next three years' work will be offered in electrical engineering, architecture, architectural engineering, mechanical engineering.
In Law School.
The law school expects an increase in its enrollment of about 25 per cent according to Dean Hughes. No definite figures can be obtained on the enrollment in the fine arts department but the strengthening of the musical faculty by the addition of five new professors is expected to assure a substantial increase.

Frais Are Busy.
Studies are to be the least of the Washburn student's worries. In football practice which starts today. Members of Washburn's seven "frats" and "sororities" are working twenty-four hours a day "rushing" the freshmen and making them think that their own particular brand of Greek letter organization is the one to join.

Tuesday and Wednesday are to be registration days in all departments of the school.
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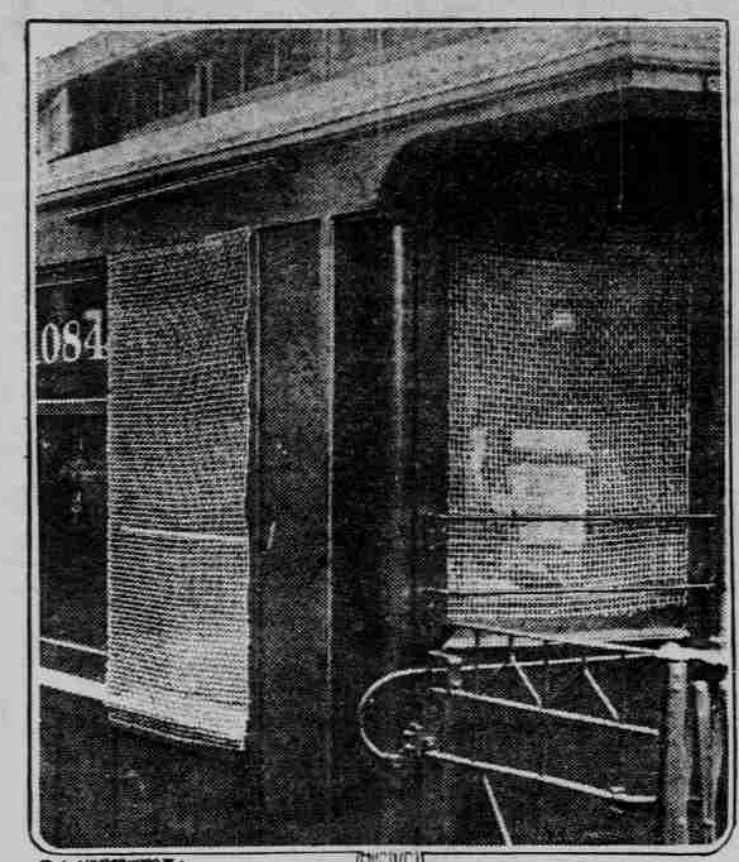
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HOW MOTORMEN ON NEW YORK CARS ARE PROTECTED FROM STRIKERS' FURY



As long as the present traction strike continues in New York the strong wire netting shown in the picture will protect the motormen who stick to their posts from the fury of the strikers. There has been little violence as yet.

OH YES, IT RAINED! ROB HURD HOUSE

Fair Opened Today—and Along Came Its Companion.

"Fair and Rainy" Is What Weather Man Offers.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:
7 o'clock 63 1/2 o'clock 65
8 o'clock 62 1/2 o'clock 66
9 o'clock 62 1/2 o'clock 67
10 o'clock 62 1/2 o'clock 67
Temperatures today averaged 3 degrees below normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of 8 miles an hour from the northeast. The total rainfall was .55 of an inch. The sky was cloudy here all day and more rain is expected tonight.

The total rainfall at Topeka up to 9:30 o'clock this morning was .48 of an inch. Rain began falling at 7:15 o'clock this morning, most simultaneous with the opening of the gates of the big free fair. The weather bureau says that the rain probably will continue over night and Tuesday, although there is a chance to escape. The week's forecast calls for showers Wednesday and Thursday. There was no sunshine anywhere in the state this morning except in a small spot in the southeastern part. Rains ranging from a trace to more than four inches were general over Kansas. Concordia reports .48 of an inch, Dodge City, .62. Junco City, 4.12 inches, while Lila received only .02 of an inch. Temperatures today were below normal. (Continued on Page Two.)

KANSAS MINES IDLE

Coal Diggers Quit Work Awaiting Conclusion of K. C. Conference.

Pittsburg, Kan., Sept. 11.—Practically all of the miners of the Kansas field are idle today and awaiting the action of the interstate conference at Kansas City. At the office of the operators' association it was said a few mines scattered over the district might be working today but no definite reports had been received.

A mass meeting was held at Seaman yesterday. John Finches and John McGraw, district board members, addressed the meeting which had been called to discuss whether or not to return to work. The officials advised the men to stay out. Reports this morning indicated other meetings would be held over the district today.

WHO'S \$90,000 FRIEND?

"Old Man" Morrison Holds the Canceled Checks—Millionaire Is Ill.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—It was not certain whether the federal investigation into the financial affairs of Edward W. Morrison, the aged millionaire, would be resumed, because of the reported illness of Morrison. He was said to have refused to permit a physician to see him.
Developments in connection with the mysterious "Edward Douglas," who appeared in the case for the first time last Thursday, were expected in case the investigation was resumed. Canceled checks amounting to approximately \$90,000 made payable to "Douglas" were found in the possession of Morrison.

FIXES K. C.—TEXAS RATE

I. C. C. Makes Indirect Route Charge Same as Direct.
Washington, Sept. 11.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized the same commodity freight rates from Kansas City, Mo., to the northeast Texas and Dallas-Fort Worth groups, by indirect routes, as are in effect by the more direct routes and higher existing intermediate rates to points in Texas commencing outside of the northeast and Dallas-Fort Worth groups.

UNIONS ORDER 800,000 STRIKE IN N. Y. CITY

General Walkout in Sympathy With Transit Strikers.

Several Days to Put Campaign Under Full Sway.

GOMPERS INDORSES MOVE

Three Women Among Score Arrested for Rioting.

Surface Lines Tied Up—Car-men Appeal to Public.

New York, Sept. 11.—An order recommending a general strike of New York's 800,000 transit unionists in sympathy with the transit strike which today affected New York, Bronx and Queens counties, went out to the union heads today.

Leaving the night session of union heads two hours before it closed, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, recommended that union members give the striking carmen "financial and moral support." The union heads recommended a general strike, with which action they claimed Gompers was in complete sympathy. The union committee which will direct the proposed general strike, opened headquarters today and will be in daily session.

The recommendation of the conference held by leaders last night will go to the individual bodies and it is said it would take several days to get the proposed sympathetic strike under way.

32 Injured in Strike Riots.
While surface lines are practically at a standstill the strikers are today making an appeal to the public to refrain from using surface, subway and elevated lines upon which strikes are in progress. Police today today at the last 24 hours thirty-two persons were injured in the strike district.

More than \$2,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from the A. A. Hurd residence at the corner of Twelfth and Tyler streets about 6 o'clock Sunday evening. In telling of the theft Harvey Parsons, chief of police, said the burglar "got a handful of jewelry."

In the handful were several diamonds and other stones of value.
Mrs. Hurd, widow of the late A. A. Hurd, general attorney for the Santa Fe, lives alone in the big house. Sunday evening she left for about an hour and the robbery was committed in her absence. There is a conservatory attached to the house. The burglar entered thru the conservatory door and went on into the house thru a screen door. The house was apparently subjected to thorough search.

Chief Parsons does not believe the burglar was the work of a professional. He doesn't believe it can be charged to any "fair followers." Several men are working on the case today and claim to have fair prospects of landing the burglar and the jewelry.

HEAR 'FRISCO PLAN AFTER PLANK, NOT JOB

Reorganization Ideas Before Kansas Utilities Board September 14.

The public utilities commission will hear the reorganization plan of the Frisco railway at a session in the state house September 14. Details of the proposed 1914 million dollar bond issue will be laid before the state commission that time.

GAS CO. FILES PETITION

Wants Suit Brought by Distributing Company in U. S. Court.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 11.—The Kansas Natural Gas company today filed a petition of removal to the federal court of the suit on contract which the Kansas City Gas company filed in the circuit court.

The distributing company filed the suit in an effort to uphold its contract requiring the Kansas Natural Gas company to deliver gas to the local company for 62 1/2 per cent of the gross receipts instead of for 18 cents as the receiver ordered. The local gas company is a Missouri corporation, while the Kansas Natural Gas company is a Delaware corporation. The Kansas Natural Gas company makes the suit an interstate issue.

BULL FIGHTER OF FAME IS KILLED BY COW-CATCHER

Juarez, Mex., Sept. 11.—Juan Rangel, was struck by a train on the Nor-Oeste de Mexico Railway and injured. Juan was well known to many Americans in El Paso.

Doesn't sound like much of a story—but wait. Juan was a famous and expert bull fighter. Hundreds of tourists have thrilled when he avoided the furious rushes of maddened bulls in the bull ring here. The train which hit Juan runs once a week. It was whizzing along at all of four miles an hour.

And Juan was hit by the cow catcher.

BRITISH LAUNCH BALKAN DRIVE TO CRUSH BULGARIAN CARS

Cross Struma and Gain Footing in Macedonia.

Bulgarians Win Balk Territory From Rumanians.

LOST IT IN LAST BALKAN WAR

Invaders Hold 30,000 Russo-Rumania Prisoners.

Throwing Lines East and North Around Defenders.

Paris, Sept. 11.—British troops on the front in Greek Macedonia took the offensive last night. They crossed the Struma river, the war office announced today, and attacked the Bulgarians who are retreating desperately.

Russo-Rumanians Retreat Further.
Berlin, Sept. 11.—More than a third of the territory taken from Bulgarians by the Rumanians at the close of the second Balkan war has been reconquered by the German-Bulgarian forces. The Rumanians and Russians are again in retreat toward the Danube, abandoning still more positions east and southeast of the fortress of Silistra, said Budapest dispatches today. In a little more than a week the combined German and Bulgarian forces have captured far more Rumanian territory than the allies have been able to take of German territory since the beginning of the war.

Two Rumanian fortresses, Tutraikan and Silistra, have fallen to the invaders. The Rumanian and Russian prisoners now total more than 30,000. Large captures of guns have seriously affected the Rumanian artillery supply. The capture of Silistra, officially announced yesterday afternoon, is expected to cause the early withdrawal of the Russo-Rumanian forces still operating near Dobrich, in southeastern Rumania.

Have Defenders in a Pocket.
The force that occupied Silistra is advancing eastward while a Bulgarian army continues to move northward along the Black sea coast. The enemy already is in a deep pocket and an eastward advance of twenty miles by the Germans will make his withdrawal difficult.

Whether the German-Bulgarian advance marks the beginning of a real drive to crush the enemy, the confessions they are unable to decide. In some quarters, it is believed the Germans are the Russians and the Rumanians behind the Danube at the Constanza railway and throw up strong defensive lines to check a Russo-Rumanian march on Bulgaria.

TO SISTER'S BEDSIDE

President Wilson Hastens to See Relative, Critically Ill.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 11.—President Wilson, accompanied by the cabinet and Secretary Tumulty, left the summer White House at 9 a. m. today for New London, Conn., where the President's only sister, Mrs. Woodhull, is seriously ill.

The trip to New York was made by motor. The president planned to catch the 1 o'clock train for New London. He has canceled all engagements for the next few days and his stay will be indefinite.

The president and Mrs. Howe were always greatly devoted to each other. Before his marriage to Mrs. Galt, Mrs. Howe's husband was her first love. President Wilson, paying a visit to his sister, Mrs. Woodhull, was with him at Cornish, N. H., last summer. The president arrived before 7 o'clock after having spent a restless night. He appeared greatly concerned over his sister's illness.

PROBE LAUNDRY RATES

Possible That State May Investigate Topeka Prices.

Members of the state welfare commission will meet Thursday to consider the recent order of the state board of public utility rates. The recommendation by the welfare commission at the same time the maximum hour plan is submitted to the state board of public utility rates. The commission will take action concerning both proposals. Under the state law the minimum wage and maximum hour for women must be established on approval of the state commission.

A meeting of the state laundry board September 15 will be held on the approval of the welfare commission. It is possible that the board may also make some inquiry as to the recent order increasing Topeka laundry rates.

CHURCH AIDS WAR LOAN

Archbishop Instructs German Clergy to Invest in New Bonds.

Berlin, Sept. 11, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The archbishop of Gnesen-Posen, has instructed the clergy to invest as much as possible of the funds of the churches in the new German war loan. The municipality of Wiesbaden has subscribed 30,000,000 marks to the loan.

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Unsettled, probably showers to-night and Tuesday; cooler tonight; warmer Tuesday.

TWO CENTS

640-FOOT SPAN CRASHES WITH MANY WORKERS

Collapsed When Being Hoisted Into Place.

Ninety Men Thrown Into River; Deathlist May Be 25.

LARGEST BRIDGE IN WORLD

Structure Costing \$17,000,000 Built by Railroads.

Bridge Collapsed in 1907 Cost Twenty Lives.

Quebec, Sept. 11.—The central span of the world's greatest bridge collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence river at 10 o'clock today with a loss of life variously estimated as high as twenty-five. The company erecting the structure placed the number of deaths at this figure, but H. P. Borden, a member of the Quebec bridge commission declared that only three persons were lost. Several hours after the accident happened, a special train into Quebec brought twenty men who had been injured.

Nine years ago, a similar accident at the same spot took a toll of seventy lives.
Today ninety men were carried into the river when the 640 foot 5,000-ton span being raised from pontoons in an engineering feat designed to complete the \$17,000,000 cantilever suspension bridge for transcontinental railway traffic, fell fifteen feet into the water and sank 200 feet, perhaps never to be recovered.

Contradictory stories were told regarding the collapse. The pontoons had been removed and the span was being lowered by massive hydraulic jacks, when, according to some of the spectators, the northern end fell with the breaking of girders. Frantic efforts were made to place a chain rope around the tottering structure, but with reports like shells exploding, the remaining supports snapped and the span disappeared with a tremendous splash. Some of the observers said the structure also buckled at the center as it fell. Groups of men at work slipped off the structure and were heavy for knocked off by flying debris. Scores of craft containing spectators went to the rescue and their endeavors prevented a still larger loss of life.

Ninety Men on When It Fell.
The collapse occurred when the span was about fifteen feet in the air. Early indications were that the loss of life would be heavy for there were ninety men on the structure when it fell. Some of these have been rescued. Among the hundreds of craft on which spectators had gathered were rushed to the spot where the span disappeared. The fallen structure sank 200 feet to the bottom of the river, and engineers who witnessed the collapse expressed doubt as to whether it would ever be brought up again.

First Structure Collapsed.
Later Canadian engineers obtained a charter and, after many years of delay, the building was begun, only to find that the cause of the unfinished structure in 1907.

Canada's federal railway department had decided to reconstruct it and placed the contract in the hands of a commission which included several noted American bridge builders, among them Ralph B. Heide, of Chicago, and C. C. Schneider, of New York.

The plans for the bridge provided for a channel span longer than that of any existing today anywhere. It contemplated length from shore to shore was 2,329 feet, with a distance of 1,800 feet between the two piers. Provision was made for two railroad tracks, two street car tracks and two roads. It was to be used by the following railways: Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, Quebec Central, Intercolonial, Quebec and Lake St.

GERMAN LOSS 3,375,000

London Estimates 832,000 of That Number Killed.

London, Sept. 11.—German casualties in the war during August, according to a compilation here from the German casualty lists, totaled 2,600,000. This brings the German total since the beginning of the war, as compiled from the same sources, to 3,375,000. These figures include all the German nationalities, but do not include the naval and colonial casualties.

The detailed figures for the month of August follow:
Killed, 427,000; prisoners, 1,800; missing, 42,000; wounded, 153,000; total, 240,000.

Detailed figures for the period of the war to the end of August, 1918: Killed, 2,170,000; prisoners, 163,000; missing, 24,000; wounded, 2,144,000. Total, 3,375,000.

PRINCESS CUTS OFF HAIR; GOES TO WAR AS MAN

Petrograd, Sept. 11.—Princess Volonsky twenty-two years old, whose husband, father and brother were killed early in the war, cut her hair, adopted men's clothing, enlisted as a private and fought on the southern front for several months. Her sex having been discovered, she was sent to Kieff to be discharged, but she eluded her guards and returned to the fighting line. Now she has just been discovered wounded in a Kharkoff hospital.